

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF JASPER
JULY 12, 2016**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Jasper, Indiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, July 12, 2016, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street.

CALL TO ORDER

Presiding Officer Mayor Terry Seitz called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm then called the roll:

Mayor Terry Seitz	Present
Board member Timothy Bell	Present
Board member Nancy Eckerle	Present

Also present were Police Chief J. Michael Bennett, Street Commissioner Jeffrey Theising, Personnel/Safety/Loss Control Director Cale Knies, Fire Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Kenneth Hochgesang, Director of Community Development and Planning Darla Blazey, City Attorney Renee Kabrick, and Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm. City Engineer Chad Hurm was absent.

Clerk-Treasurer Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the board members must be present. All three board members were present, which is a majority; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Seitz invited all those present to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The board members examined the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 28, 2016. Thereafter, a motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Nancy Eckerle to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

CLAIMS. The claims against the City from June 10, 2016 to July 7, 2016 were presented to and examined by the board. A motion was made by Timothy Bell and seconded by Nancy Eckerle to adopt the claims. Motion carried 3-0.

STREET CLOSURE

Bob Melton with Melton's Tree Service said he will be working in Jasper this week and will need to close certain streets. He will be working at 1311 Kundek Street today and will need to close the street. The work should be done before noon. He will also be working at 1816 W. Schuetter Road today for about three hours but no street closure is needed. Starting tomorrow and for about three or four days he will be working at 2195 Cobblestone Road. One lane of traffic will need to be blocked off.

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Nancy Eckerle to permit the closing of Kundek Street this morning and one lane on Cobblestone Road as needed. Motion carried 3-0.

FIREFIGHTER RESIGNS

Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang said Volunteer Firefighter Eric Rasche submitted his letter of resignation from the fire department effective July 17, 2016. Rasche served on the fire department for eleven years.

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to accept the letter of resignation submitted by Eric Rasche. Motion carried 3-0.

HIRE FIREFIGHTERS

Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang said after Eric Rasche leaves, there will be 35 volunteer firefighters in the department. Because they are allowed to have 40 firefighters, he asked permission to start the hiring process.

A motion was made by Timothy Bell and seconded by Nancy Eckerle to allow the fire department to start the hiring process. Motion carried 3-0.

STREET CLOSURES

Scott Schnell, Engineer Technician, asked permission to close streets in Golden Acres in the near future when the contractor starts on the storm sewer replacement project in that subdivision. He also asked to close streets in College View Estates when they do the storm sewer replacement project starting in the next two weeks.

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Nancy Eckerle to permit the engineering department and coordinate with the contractor to close streets as needed in College View Estates and Golden Acres. Motion carried 3-0.

Street Commissioner Jeff Theising asked permission to close 31st Street at the Bittersweet Drive intersection sometime this week to repair a storm sewer in the Grassland Hills subdivision.

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to close 31st Street at Bittersweet Drive for a storm sewer repair. Motion carried 3-0.

TRASH TAG QUOTES

Street Commissioner Jeff Theising presented the following quotes for one million trash tags.

Vendor	Tags	Freight	Total Quote
Trash Stickers Inc.	\$ 11,985.00	\$ 560.00	\$ 12,545.00
WasteZero Inc.	\$ 12,400.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 12,900.00
Impressions Printing Inc.	None of their vendors could meet specs		

Theising recommended accepting the low quote from Trash Stickers Inc. for \$ 12,545.00.

A motion was made by Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Timothy Bell to accept the low quote from Trash Stickers Inc. Motion carried 3-0.

REPORTS

Street Commissioner Jeff Theising reported that they are paving Dorbett Street today. The street will not be closed but there may be some traffic delays.

Theising said the LiquidRoad projects started yesterday. It will depend upon weather conditions how much area they get done this week.

Police Chief J. Michael Bennett issued a public safety matter to the media. He is alerting the public to be aware of those looking at their cell phones and not paying attention to traffic while playing Pokemon Go.

QUOTES FOR POLICE RADIO UPGRADE

Police Chief J. Michael Bennett presented the following quotes to upgrade the EF Johnson radios with P25 trunking option and the reprogramming of these radios.

VEI Communications	\$ 5,150.00
J & K Communications	\$ 5,475.00
Advanced Radio Communications	\$ 8,645.00

Bennett recommended accepting the low quote from VEI Communications for \$ 5,150.00

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to grant the Jasper Police Department permission to accept the quote for \$ 5,150.00 from VEI for 20 radios. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Timothy Bell and seconded by Nancy Eckerle to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 3-0 and the meeting adjourned at 8:25 a.m.

The minutes were hereby approved ____ with X without corrections or clarification this 26th day of July, 2016.

Board Member Timothy Bell, Presiding Officer

Attest: _____
Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer